

Thoughts on the Daily Word

3rd Week of Lent. Tuesday 10th March. Readings: Daniel 3:25,34-43; Psalm: 24; Matthew 18:21-35.

We are given in today's Gospel a picture of a community, a community of servants. Our journey through Lent reminds us that we too are a community of servants. Diakonia is the root of who we are as Christians. The Lenten test is to see whether we are really ready for that ministry. To be ministers of God's care and love is what we are asked to become. Our first reading from Daniel is placed in a time when the Jewish people were in exile precisely because they had lost their sense of being called and chosen. Not for their own sakes but for the sake of the world, all of humanity. The two debtors in Matthew can be seen as representing those two orders of humanity. The one with the biggest debt, a mega debt, must be the chosen one, only he could rack up that kind of debt. The ordinary, lowly, servant with just a day's wages would be the everyday person with little hope. Clearly the big debtor has the biggest responsibility to behave well and care for his brothers and sisters. That is the kind of mission that we are on. Awesome!